

**Resolution authorizing a one-year contract with Columbus Public Health to provide services and medications for the treatment of tuberculosis (Community Partnerships) (\$1,000,000)**

**WHEREAS**, tuberculosis is a communicable disease that poses health risks to the residents of Franklin County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners wishes to ensure that all residents of Franklin County who have contracted or are considered high risk of contracting tuberculosis (TB) receive timely and effective treatment without undue barriers to access; and

**WHEREAS**, the incidence rate of TB is relatively stable and Columbus Public Health has done an excellent job of identifying and treating persons with active TB and their close contacts; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2014 the Board of Commissioners engaged contractor John Snow, Inc. (JSI) to conduct an efficiency review of the Ben Franklin TB Control Clinic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners and Columbus Public Health have agreed to a six-month contract, with one optional six-month extension, which will allow for consideration and implementation of JSI's recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners commends the Columbus Public Health for its diligence and good work in managing this disease and encourages Columbus Public Health to pursue efficiencies in managing program costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners enters into this contract as so authorized by and in accordance with Section 339.72 et seq. of the Ohio Revised Code; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO;

That the attached contract for services with Columbus Public Health for the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, and the attached purchase order, individually described on the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, is hereby approved.

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cc: Auditor  
Columbus Public Health